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## **STATE RESPONSE TO PARK COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION**

(CENTENNIAL) – The Colorado Division of Emergency Management (CDEM) is supporting Park County in its efforts to secure resources to clear roads. Yesterday, the County declared a disaster due to the amount of snowfall they have received over the past few weeks and the constant high winds which have been hampering local plowing efforts. The County estimates that about 100 people are trapped in their homes.

CDEM has deployed two of its all-hazard regional managers to assist the County in its operations. Part of their assignment is to help the County identify resources it needs to enhance response efforts. Centennial-based CDEM staff are monitoring the situation and coordinating the acquisition and deployment of needed resources (equipment and personnel).

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has a District Manager in the Park County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) who is assisting in the identification of priority tasks and the allocation of CDOT resources to those areas that need assistance. Last night, CDOT pre-positioned snowplows and snow blowers so they could be ready to help the County this morning.

The Division of Fire Safety is assisting in the identification of needed resources utilizing the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS). This involves assessing the personnel and equipment availability in close proximity to the County as well as throughout the State.

The Department of Corrections has sent eight staff members and eight inmates to Park County with heavy equipment to help in clearing the snow.

Colorado State Patrol is available to provide law enforcement support to the County in controlling access to many of the high hazard areas if needed.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is currently on stand by to assist the residents of the County on any public health or environmental health issues that may arise as a result of this severe weather incident.

Park County Emergency Management is posting current situation reports on their website at:  
<http://www.parkco.us/oem.htm>

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